Projects proposed by Tamil Nadu

3209.SHRI E.M.SUDARSANA NATCHIAPPAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether several projects proposed by the Government of Tamil Nadu are pending for approval of the Central Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons for such pendency;

(c) whether the state Government of Tamil Nadu have requested for the approval of the pending projects;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when these projects are likely to be approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN): (a) to (d) Details Indicating List of Projects is as under:—

(i) Development of Chennai International Airport.

Government of Tamil Nadu has made a formal requisition for provision of land of the Airport Authority of India.

(ii) Establishment of Aviation University at Madurai

A request for establishment of an Aviation University at Madurai has been made.

(iii) Projects Proposal for Coastline Protection

A Project has been proposed for protecting coastal areas of Tamil Nadu from natural calamities.

(iv) Development of Inland Waterways

A proposal has been made to the Ministry of Water Resources for improvement to various reaches of the Buckingam canal and Cooum River.

(v) Development of Colachel Port

Government of Tamil Nadu have requested development of this port under the National Maritime Development Programme.

(vi) Creation of Knowledge Data Centre at Anna University

The Government of Tamil Nadu have requested the GOI to set up a knowledge data centre at Anna University.

(vii) Revival of Hindustan Photo Films, Uthagamandalam

Government of Tamil Nadu have requested Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises to revive the Hindustan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited, Uthagamandalam.

(viii) Conservation of National Art Gallery,Government Museum, Chennai

A proposal for renovation of National Art Gallery in Government Museum, Chennai has been sent by the Government of Tamil Nadu to Department of Culture, Government of India.

(ix) Approval of Eastern Ghats Development Programme under Special Area Programme Under Special Area Programmes, an Eastern Ghats Development Programme has been proposed.

(x) Upgradation of Government Museum at Chennai

A proposal for upgradation of National Museum, Chennai has been sent to Deptt. of Culture.

(xi) Funding under Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme by including rehabilitation of existing irrigation systems.

Government of Tamil Nadu have addressed the Ministry of Water Resources to include the consolidated project for rehabilitation of minor irrigation tanks under the Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme by relaxing the norms.

(xii) Establishment of a Composite Textile Park at Karur

A proposal for the establishment of a Composite Textile Park at Karur has been sent to the Ministry of Industrial Policy and Promotion.

(xiii) Approval of Coastal Area Development Programme under Special Area Programme.

Under Special Areas Programme, a Coastal Area Development Programme has been proposed for implementation in Tamil Nadu.

Proposed Plan projects are integrated into State and Central Plan and programmes of public undertakings when discussions are held and Five Year Plan and Annual Plans finalized.